

WORSHIP

Sunday, April 19, 2026



EL MONTECITO
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Matthew 3:2b

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

*Alleluia, Alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia, Alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia*

*Holy, Holy
Are You Lord God, Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb
You are Holy, Holy
Are You Lord God, Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb
Amen*

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

Isaiah 40:1-5

*Call to Worship

Leader: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD'S hand double for all her sins.

People: A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Leader: Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.

All: And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

* Please stand as you are able.

***Hymn of Praise**

Behold Our God

1. Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Chorus

- Behold our God, seated on His throne
Come, let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come, let us adore Him
2. Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach, the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?
3. Who has felt the nails upon His hands?
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign

Confession of Sin Unison

Loving Father, we confess that we have not prepared the way for You. Like those who came to the wilderness, we hear Your call to repentance, yet we cling to what is familiar and comfortable. You call us to bear fruit worthy of repentance, but our lives often reflect complacency, pride, and self-reliance. We have trusted in outward appearances rather than inward transformation. We have assumed we are secure because of tradition, identity, or habit, while neglecting the deep work of Your Spirit within us. We have ignored the valleys that need lifting, the mountains that must be made low, and the crooked paths within our own hearts. Forgive us for resisting Your refining fire. Forgive us for turning away from the One who baptizes with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Cleanse us, we pray, from all that separates us from You. We pray this in the name of Jesus, our Savior and Shepherd. Amen.

Take a moment to silently confess your sins, knowing that God hears you.

Assurance of Forgiveness

2 Chronicles 7:14

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Leader: Hear and believe the good news of the gospel!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

GIVING OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

Prayer of Dedication for Our Tithes & Offerings

In addition to giving through the passed offering plates, you are welcome to give online at www.elmopres.org/give-online or scan the QR code with your phone's camera. Our tithes & offerings are a continued act of worship and a physical act of trusting our lives to Jesus as we join God in his work in our community & the world.



Music of Reflection

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Children are excused to their ELMO Kids classrooms in the Creative Studios.

Prayers for the Church and the World

Larry Goddec

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

What A Beautiful Name

1. You were the Word at the beginning
One with God, the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

Chorus 1

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

2. You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater
What could separate us now?

Chorus 2

What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Bridge

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The Heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again
You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever, God You reign
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

Chorus 3

What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Scripture

Matthew 3

Sermon

“Prepare the Way”

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

The Lion and the Lamb

1. He's coming on the clouds
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

2. So open up the gates
Make way before the King of kings
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Chorus

Our God is the Lion
The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power
And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is the Lamb
The Lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world
His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion
and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before Him

Bridge

Who can stop the Lord Almighty
Who can stop the Lord Almighty
Who can stop the Lord Almighty
Who can stop the Lord

*Benediction

Postlude

Thank you to our musicians serving in ELMO's music ministry:

Mary Hurt, Jordan Lemons, Cornelius, Marshall and Dan Patterson & Dana Stewart

*The flowers today are given in loving memory of Sally Morehart's brother
Gregory Owen Shade.*

Welcome Visitors!

We are glad you are worshipping with us today. **Please fill out a visitor card or scan the QR code with your phone's camera** to fill out a Connect Form so we may get to know you better. Visit our website at: www.elmopres.org, find us on Instagram @elmopres or subscribe to our YouTube channel. You are welcome to join us for our weekly worship gatherings every Sunday at 10 a.m.



ELMO Pres Kids, Youth & College

Nursery (3 mo.-2.5 yrs.) & **Preschool** (ages 2.5-5 yrs.) 9:50 a.m. until end of worship in the Pre-K classrooms.

ELMO Pres Kids (K-6th) are dismissed after the Doxology to the Creative Studios. Please pick up your child after worship.

ELMO Pres Student Ministry (6th-12th) Join us in the Creative Studios for “Friday Nights at ELMO” on the 1st & 3rd Friday nights of the month from 6–8 p.m. Dinner, games, fun and a deep dive into the book of Acts. Next up: May 1, 15 & 29!

ELMO Pres College “Catch a Ride” from Clark dorm at 9:35 a.m. on Sundays. *College Study Lounge*: Wednesdays in April, 6-10 p.m., ELMO Pres Creative Studios.

Caring

Please take time to pray for the needs of the Church, local community, state, country and world. Email prayer requests to prayers@elmopres.org. In addition, please pray for:

- Safety for those serving in the armed forces, including AE4 Alex Barr, U.S. Navy; Sgt. Jack Burrows, U.S. Army; Lt. Col. James Wentzel, U.S. Air Force.
- For our covenant partners dealing with ongoing health issues and recovery from surgeries: Alice Amspoker, Ann Marie King, Don Rhodes and Curt & Erlyne Whiteman.
- Bereavement for the family & friends of Glen Adams & Jim Worthen.
- Bereavement for the family & friends of Lou Browdy. Memorial is May 16, 10 a.m.

Please be aware of email phishing scams! No one affiliated with the church will ever solicit funds or request financial information through email. If you ever receive a message asking for donations, gift cards, or sensitive information that appears to come from the church or a staff member, please ignore it and report it to us directly!

Outreach & Missions Prayer Connection

Each week we spend time praying for a ministry we support including Cleveland Elementary School. Covenant partners volunteer as greeters on the 1st day of school, read in classrooms on “Read With Cleveland” day in March and decorate the playing field for the 6th grade promotion ceremony in June. Throughout the year, a covenant partner quietly provides gift certificates that the principal uses to incentivize student achievement. Please support the school in prayer:

- Praise the Lord for Cleveland’s smooth-running school year thus far.
- Pray for families with scheduled immigration appointments.
- Pray for a student who continues to battle a serious long-term illness.

Connecting & Serving

Sunday Adult Discipleship, in the Library at 9 a.m. Each week, we will prepare for our worship time and dive into the Scripture passage for our sermon. Everyone is welcome!

Prayer Time, Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

Women in the Word, Mondays, 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Call Patty Wilson 805-689-4496 or text Deborah Bertling 805-698-0952 to sign-up! This year’s theme is *God Will Make A Way*

Bible Study Fellowship, Wednesdays, 9:30-11 a.m. Register at www.bsfiinternational.org

Women’s Bible Study, Thursdays, 7:45-9 a.m. at IHOP on State St., Intersivity Study of Isaiah. Contact Barb at bkennedy@westmont.edu with questions.

Men’s Bible Study, Thursdays, 9-10 a.m. in the Library, studying Romans.



MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVENTURE WEEK

DISCOVER THE GREATEST ADVENTURE—LIFE IN CHRIST

Scan QR code to register!
Questions? Contact LauriHaugen@elmopres.org

Week 1	Week 2
15 - 19	27 - 31
June 2026	July 2026

9 AM - 2 PM

\$250

6th-9th Grade

ADVENTURE WEEK REGISTRATION

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ELMO PRES KIDS Summer ARTventure

Get hyped for a week of wacky games, art, Bible, friends, & fun as we embark on an adventure with Christ!

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22 - 26
June 2026

9 AM - 1 PM

\$200

Rising 3rd - 6th Graders

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Office hours, Monday—Thursday, 9 a.m.—2 p.m.

Rev. Dr. Tom Haugen, Pastor
Rev. Lauri Haugen, Asst. Pastor to Families
Mary Hurt, Worship Director
Anna Bragg, Operations Manager
Ashley Olsen, Office Manager
Barbara Mendelson, Treasurer
Michele Sullivan, Accountant
El Montecito Early School
Jenny Thompson, Director

The Entire Congregation, Ministers of the Gospel

Elders

Tom Haugen, Moderator
Janet Gates, Clerk of Session
Erin Barr
Kersten Barr
Kirk Gilbert
Larry James
Leanne Patterson

Deacons

Susan Dau, Congregational Care
Terry Foil, Community Life
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